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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of European Analysis

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SUBJECT: Crosscutting Research and Analysis on Eastern Europe
and the USSR

1. The attached seems to me to speak for itself and not need any amplification. The listed projects have been pulled together from the existing FY 1986 research program simply to give us a road map for the remainder of the year. We soon will be formulating the FY87 Research Program, and I propose that at that time we have a group prepare a rigorous, integrated crosscutting theme package.

2. In the meantime, I suggest that we send the attached to the DDI with a short covering note describing our purposes in setting up the theme and proposing that--if for no other reason than to provide visibility and momentum--we begin reporting progress against the list of projects in the same way as is done for other crosscutting themes.

3. I am flexible as to who should be the "Theme Chairperson."

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4. The question of a task force should be addressed in the context of the overall work program under the crosscutting theme. I would propose that we make this point explicitly in the covering note to the DDI, and state that the future of the present task force will be determined after discussion among the crosscutting theme principals. (As you know, I am strongly of the view that a task force should have a specific "task," a clearly defined "deliverable," and not an open ended charter and indefinite life span. If the latter is what is wanted someone should bite the bullet and create a branch.)

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As Stated

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